

Carbon Monoxide SAFETY

THE "INVISIBLE" KILLER

Carbon monoxide (**CO**) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by fuel-burning appliances and machines. Undetected, it can cause health problems and possibly death.

CDC.gov states more than 400 people in the U.S. die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning annually.

Approximately 50,000 people visit the ER each year due to accidental **CO** poisoning.

Proper use and installation of **CO** sources is the best prevention for risks of **CO** exposure.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



CAN'T BE SEEN



CAN'T BE SMELLED



CAN'T BE HEARD



CAN BE STOPPED

COMMON **CO** SOURCES:

- Attached garage
- Gas appliances (i.e. furnace/water heater)
- Fireplace
- Kerosene heater
- Generator
- Charcoal grill

CLUES OF A **CO** LEAK:

- Rusting/water streaking on vent or chimney
- Loose or missing furnace panel
- Debris/soot falling from chimney/fireplace/appliances
- Loose masonry on chimney
- Moisture inside windows

MONITOR YOUR **CO** RISK:

- Install battery-operated or battery back-up **CO** detector
- Install one alarm per level near bedrooms
- Place alarms at least five feet away from a **CO** source



Know the signs of CO Poisoning:

Headache
Dizziness
Nausea
Breathlessness
Confusion
Chest Pain
Collapse
Loss of Consciousness



If you have been exposed to **CO** and experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air immediately and go to the emergency room.

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF **CO** EXPOSURE!

NEVER:

- Leave a generator or car running in the garage.
- Run a generator in the home/garage/crawlspace.
- Use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Burn charcoal in an enclosed space.
- Use a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating.
- Use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- Burn charcoal indoors as it gives off **CO**.
- Patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, etc.

Note: Also, remember to have your chimney inspected/cleaned each year.